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SUBJECT: US-ICELAND 1974 BASE AGREEMENT: KEFLAVIK AIRCRAFT CONTROL TOWER

REF: REYKJAVIK 1334

1. IN VIEW OF PERSUASIVE ARGUMENTS PRESENTED REFTEL, DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN BY DOD AND WHITE HOUSE TO SEEK FROM CONGRESS NECESSARY FUNDING TO COVER ENTIRE CONTROL TOWER PROJECT IN 1977.

2. AS YOU ARE AWARE, DOD BUDGET REQUESTS WERE CUT
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SEVERELY BY WHITE HOUSE, INCLUDING FUNDS FOR 1977 FAMILY

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HOUSING. BECAUSE OF IMPORTANCE USG ATTACHES TO BASE FACILITIES IN ICELAND, AND NOW THAT REASONS BEHIND REQUESTS FOR FAMILY HOUSING AND THE CONTROL TOWER HAVE BEEN MADE CLEAR, ADMINISTRATION WILL MOVE AHEAD TO OBTAIN FUNDING, IF POSSIBLE IN 1977 BUDGET.

3. ON DECEMBER 15, AMBASSADOR KROYER BROUGHT UP WITH UNDER SECRETARY SISCO FOR THE SECOND TIME THE MATTER OF THE CONTROL TOWER AS WELL AS THE OTHER MATTERS HE HAD INTRODUC-ED AT EARLIER MEETING IN OCTOBER. (MEMCON TO FOLLOW). THE

UNDER SECRETARY CALLED AMBASSADOR KROYER TODAY, DECEMBER 18, TO INFORM HIM THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS REQUESTED THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR THE CONTROL TOWER TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN IN 1977. THE UNDER SECRETARY GAVE NO ASSURANCES AS TO HOW THE CONGRESS WOULD ACT UPON THIS REQUEST BUT HE DID ASSURE THE AMBASSADOR THAT THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE WOULD DO EVERYTHING IN THEIR POWER TO SEE TO IT THAT CONGRESSIONAL ACTION WOULD BE FAVORABLE.

4. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO TELL THE FOREIGN MINISTER THE ABOVE. YOU MAY FURTHER INFORM THE FM THAT WE ARE TAKING THIS ACTION IN AN ATTEMPT TO DEMONSTRATE THE IMPORTANCE THAT WE ATTACH TO THE BASE AS WELL AS OUR DESIRE TO DO EVERYTHING REASONABLE TO COOPERATE WITH THE GOI IN THIS IMPORTANT MATTER. KISSINGER

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